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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert J. Schmitt of Naperville, who passed away on February 27, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Schmitt was born October 15th, 1934 in Chicago, graduated from Lane Tech High School, and served in the United States Navy for four years during the Korean War; after the Navy, he was a chef at many Chicago-area restaurants, including the Ambassador East Hotel, Pheasant Run, and Andy's Steak House; and

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WHEREAS, Robert enjoyed spending time with his eight children and his wife of forty years, Patricia; Robert's life centered around his large family and spending every moment of free time coaching (for twenty-five years, he coached his sons' Little League teams), supporting, and watching every single baseball, basketball, and softball game; cooking elaborate and delicious meals for enormous family celebrations and holidays; and encouraging and loving his children in all their educational, vocational, and personal aspirations; and

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WHEREAS, He was above all else, a loving and dedicated father; Robert was a man of strong faith; he was a very active member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Naperville, serving

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1 as a Eucharistic minister, religious education teacher, and
2 chef for many religious functions; Robert was also a man who
3 instilled in his children many important values and lessons:
4 the values of reading and education (all of his children
5 graduated from college, many of them are teachers), of respect,
6 love, and hard-work, and of commitment and dedication to family
7 and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his daughter, Emily,
9 his sister Carol, and his parents, Edward and Agnes Schmitt;
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11 WHEREAS, Robert Schmitt is survived by his wife, Patricia
12 (nee, Paara); his children, Katie, Michael, John (Emily), Joe
13 (Kyle), Rob (Carrie), Dave (Darla), Sandi, and Cindi; his
14 brother, Edward; and his five grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Schmitt; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Robert Schmitt as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.